

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 2, 2007, on the above-referenced patent application, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application. No amendments to the claims were made. Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 11 and 13-21 are pending.

The Office Action

The Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 11 and 13-21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,535,585 to Hanson et al. in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0006782 to Kim. The Examiner stated Hanson teaches determining that the caller registers (subscribes) [to] voicemail retrieval notification service as shown at figure 2A, steps 34 & 36; figure 2B, step 64. However, Hanson does not teach the use of a Mobile Switching Center. Further, Hanson does not teach a Mobile Switching Center checking a calling party subscriber profile. Further, Hanson does not teach a Mobile Switching Center determining that the calling party subscribes to voicemail retrieval notification.

As stated in Applicant's Specification, paragraph [0020], the wireless communications network 10 also includes a subscriber database 24 also known as the subscriber profile. The subscriber database 24 includes stored subscriber profile information, which includes identification of the services subscribed to. Further, as stated in Applicant's Specification, paragraph [0039], the calling party can subscribe to the voicemail message retrieval notification feature. The MSC 18 can determine that the calling party subscribes to the message delivery feature by checking the calling party subscriber profile 24 which can indicate that a retrieval notification message can be sent to the calling party since the calling party has sufficient subscription privileges. Hanson merely teaches, in step 34, the system asking the calling part whether they want to use a confirmation callback service. The combination of Hanson and Kim do not teach or suggest the invention as claimed in claim 1, and therefore claim 1, as well as claims 2-4, 6-8, 10, and 11 depending therefrom, are patentable.

The Examiner rejected claim 13 for similar reasons as claim 1, however, as stated above with regard to claim 1, the combination of Hanson and Kim do not teach or suggest the invention as claimed in claim 13, and therefore claim 13, as well as claims 14-21 are patentable.

CONCLUSION

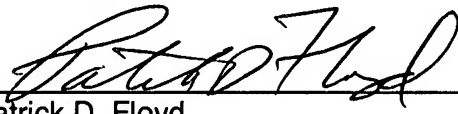
For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted all claims remaining in the application (Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 11 and 13-21) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to telephone Patrick D. Floyd, at (216) 861-5582.

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